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SUBJ: FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN ITALY

1. AS OF JUNE 22 THERE HAD BEEN FORTY-THREE OUTBREAKS OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN ITALY SINCE THEY FIRST BEGAN IN APRIL. VIRUS IN TYPE C AND REPORTEDLY ORIGINATED IN SHIPMENT OF YUGOSLAV FEEDER CATTLE. WHETHER INFECTION OCCURRED BEFORE ANIMALS LEFT YUGOSLAVIA OR WHILE THEY WERE BEING TRANSPORTED IN ITALY UNCLEAR. OTHER UNOFFICIAL SOURCES SAY ORIGIN MAY HAVE BEEN CATTLE FROM POLAND INFECTED WHILE ON ROUTE EAST GERMANY WHERE SAME TYPE C VIRUS OUTBREAK REPORTED.

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2. DISEASE HAS APPEARED IN MANY PROVINCES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT ITALY, AFFECTING ROUGHLY 2,500 CATTLE, 400 SWINE, AND 50 OVINE AS OF JUNE 10. SICILY ACCOUNTED FOR 19 OF THE 43. MINHEALTH HAS BEEN ORDERING SLAUGHTERING OF ANIMALS IN TUSCANY REGION WHILE REVACCINATING IN OTHERS AND RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OVERALL.

3. CANADA WILL REPORTEDLY NOT TAKE ITALIAN CATTLE THIS YEAR, IN PART BECAUSE OF POWER DEMAND FOR EUROPEAN BREEDS BUT MAINLY DUE TO WIDESPREAD DISEASE HERE. VOLPE

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